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1. WE BELIEVE DRV/GOP JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS GRATUITOUS AND INAPPROPRIATE REFERENCES TO A FRIENDLY AND ALLIED NATION. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, AND UNLESS YOU SEE SOME STRONG REASON NOT TO, YOU SHOULD EXPRESS OUR DISPLEASURE TO GOP DRAWING ATTENTION TO FOLLOWING:

2. WE ARE PARTICULARLY SURPRISED BY THE REFERENCE IMPLYING US IS POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR IN THE STATEMENT THAT: "THE PHILIPPINE SIDE WILL NOT LET THE UNITED STATES USE PHILIPPINE TERRITORY TO OPPOSE THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND
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PEOPLES OF THE OTHER INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES."

3. WE REGRET THE COMMUNIQUE ASSERTION THAT:

"AIRCRAFT, SEA-GOING SHIPS, AND OTHER PROPERTY TAKEN
ABROAD...BELONG TO THE PRGRSV", WITH ANY SUCH PROPERTY
IN THE PHILIPPINES TO BE "IMMEDIATELY RETURNED." SUCH
STATEMENTS WILL NOT FACILITATE OUR TRANSFER TO THE
PHILIPPINES OF ANY EX-VIETNAM EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS REVERTED
TO US TITLE. MOREOVER, EVEN IF GOP BELIEVES IT COULD
GET AWAY WITH COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE, THEIR ACTION MAY
COMPLICATE TRANSFER EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN THAILAND, SOME
OF WHICH WE ARE CONSIDERING FOR TRANSFER TO GOP.
IN ANY EVENT YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT NO EQUIPMENT WILL
BE RETURNED TO PRESENT SOUTH VIETNAMESE REGIME. KISSINGER

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